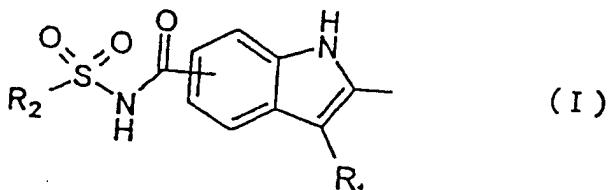


Abstract

A novel indole derivative or a salt thereof is provided, which is represented by the formula:

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wherein R₁ represents an aryl lower alkyl group, said aryl group may be substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, an aryl group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl lower alkyl group, an aryl lower alkenyl group, a halo-lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl-lower alkoxy group, a lower cycloalkoxy-lower alkyl group, an aryl lower alkynyl group, an aryloxy lower alkyl group, an aryl lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkoxy group, and an alkenyl group; and R₂ represents a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, an aryl group, or a heterocyclic group, each of which may be substituted with a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, or an aryl group. The compound of the present invention has blood sugar level-depressing activity and PDE5-inhibiting activity, and is useful as medicine.

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